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ON

PENSIONS AND REVOLUTIONARY CLAIMS,

ON THE

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ANN BROWN.

JANUARY 11, 1814.

Read and ordered to lie on the table.

WASHINGTON:

A. & G. WAY, PRINTERS.

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REPORT.

The Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Ann Brown,

REPORT :

THAT the petitioner claims provision for herself and children, to relieve them from the necessities to which they are subjected by the death of her husband while in the United States' service.


It appears, that the petitioner is the widow of John Brown, who was a sailing master in the United States' navy. That he commanded gun boat No. 159, which was lost some time in the year 1810, and all her crew supposed to have perished. The evidence of the appointment and station of the petitioner's husband have been obtained from the navy department, and no doubt remains with the committee of the fact of his death, as stated in the petition.

But no provision has been made, by law, for the widows of officers who died or were killed in the United States naval service, previous to the 20th January, 1813 ; and hence

there is no special obligation on the government to grant the relief prayed for; and however strong this particular case may appear to claim the benevolent interference of congress, the committee would not, as they believe, be justified in advising the house to grant a claim under such circumstance, until some declaration shall have been made by congress of their disposition to provide for all like cases.

The Committee, therefore, offer the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition.



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